



IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title as follows:

OPTICAL WRITING SYSTEM AND METHOD, AND IMAGE FORMING
APPARATUS RECEIVING AN EXTERNAL PARAMETER

Please amend the paragraph at page 31, lines 12-14, as follows:

FIG. 8 is a frontal view illustrating an operation panel 407 on the key board section 107 of duplication machine 100 according to one embodiment disclosed herein.

Please amend the paragraph at page 31, lines 15-26, as follows:

The operation panel 407 is of general purposes provided thereon with several keys and screen such as a dial for screen contrast adjustment 1, a key for initial setting/counter/information inquiry 2, a display unit for displaying error if any and machine conditions 3, a color adjustment/registration key 4, a color circle, an operation display screen with the touch panel 6, a setting confirmation key 7, a program key 8, a reset key 9, a preheat key 10, an interrupting key 11, main power supply lamp 12, a power supply key 13, a trial copy key 14, a start key 15, a clear/stop key 16, an enter key 17, a numeric keypad 18, a color selection key 19, a function key 20, and a functional group display key 21.